THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Delhi administration has reported that no such review has recently been undertaken or is proposed to be taken. Arms licences are issued only to needy persons and strictly in accordance with provisions of Arms Act and Rules. Whenever cases are reported where fire arms are misused or are being held by undesirable elements, such cases are promptly reviewed and action is taken to cancel the licences.

Issue of Arms Licences in Delhi

1151. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for issue of arms licences during the last one year by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Delhi;

(b) the number of those who were issued licences;

(c) the number of applications for issue of arms licences for non-prohibited bore received during the last one year from Members of Parliament;

(d) the number of applications pending together with reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the licences to Members of Parliament who have applied are likely to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) 8081.

(b) 2450.

(c) 28.

(d) and (e) Two applications received from Members of Parliament are pending for want of local police verification. The licences will be issued to them soon after the receipt of the verification report.

Obstructing the procession by Doctors on WHO Day

1152. SH. RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated 8-4-93 captioned "WHO Day walk draws police fire" which was organised by the Delhi Medical Association, the WHO and the UNICEF on April 7, 1993 jointly to celebrate this occasion;

(b) whether it is a fact that Police of Delhi did not allow the handful of doctors and several hundred school children to proceed to the India Gate lawns from Purana Qila Road in spite of requests from Members of Parliament and President of Delhi Medical Association, Dr. Vinay Agarwal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take or taken so far against the alleged misbehaviour by the concerned Police Officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Delhi Medical Association had proposed to organise "Walk for Safe Life" on 7-4-93 in connection with World Health Organisation Day from National Stadium to Boat Club. Permission was not granted for the 'WALK' on the proposed route. Sh. J.J. Sood, Organiser was requested by the Delhi

Police that the participants should assembled at Guru Harkishan Public School and take the route via Purana Quila Road, Mathura Road and reach Pragati Maidan to which he agreed. But, at about 0925 hrs. the organisers suddenly decided to WALK towards the National Stadium and reach the Boat Club via Rajpath. They also tried to break the police cordon. After great persuasion, the WALK was started at 1000 hrs. as per route given by Delhi Police.

(d) There was no misbehaviour with any one during the said WALK.

Naxalite Activities

1153. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites in various parts of the Country have recently stepped up their activities particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to tackle the Naxalite menace in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. It is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve law and order situation. At the Central Government level, action is taken to facilitate co-ordination of the anti-naxalite operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of naxalite activities among the States. Further, assistance is being provided to the State Governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc.

Militants arrested by Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir

1154. SHRI S.S AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Afghan and Arab nationals operating as militants in the State of Jammu and Kashmir were recently arrested by security forces;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that large quantities of arms and ammunition coming from Pakistan were also recovered by security forces in the State at the international borders;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken to wipe out Terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Reports of the presence of some foreign nationals indulging in subversive activities alongwith the terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir have come to the notice of the Govt. One Afghan national has been arrested by the security forces in the Valley during the last six months.

(c) and (d) According to available information, the following arms and ammunition have been recovered on border since 1990 to April, 1993: